

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge

2015

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

ENTER YOUR FAVORITE PHOTO
**TAKEN AT
THE REFUGE**
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN



Submit photos by September 1

Vote for your favorite October 1 – November 15

You're invited to participate in Necedah National Wildlife Refuge's Amateur Photo Contest. The sole purpose of the contest is to encourage you to visit and enjoy the Refuge. Up to five entries (total) per person may be submitted – no more than three per category. Photos may depict any of the following categories:

- **Wildlife (Mammals, Birds, Reptiles & Amphibians, Spiders, Insects, etc.)**
- **Public Use/Recreation**
- **Landscape**
- **Plants/Plant Like Organisms (Wildflowers, Lichens, Mushrooms, etc.)**
- **Special Assignment 2015: Camouflage**

The photos will be displayed at the Visitor Center in for public voting, October 1 through the November 15. Only 1 vote per person per category is allowed throughout the voting period. Ballots will be available at the Necedah NWR Visitor Center. Winners will be announced and contacted in early December. Certificates, ribbons and prizes (e.g. books, cards, posters, or another item from the bookstore) will be awarded. *See page two for rules and regulations.*

To learn more about the contest contact Necedah National Wildlife Refuge at:

Necedah@fws.gov

608-565-2551



Contest Rules and Regulations

1. All entries must be photographs taken at Necedah National Wildlife Refuge.
2. Up to five entries (total) per person may be submitted - no more than three per category.
3. Photographers of all ages must be non-professional; this is an amateur contest. For the purposes of this photography contest, a professional photographer is considered to be a photographer who has clients, depends on photography for their income, markets their services and/or writes off their expenses as a business owner.
4. All photographs should be submitted in a **printed format 5" x 7" AND in an electronic copy (please send the highest resolution possible)**. Any photos not in accordance with size restrictions are subject to cropping. Black and white or color photos are acceptable. If you are unable to submit an electronic copy of your photo Refuge staff will scan the photo for you. Note that scanned photos are not always as high quality as photos submitted electronically. Photos may not be matted nor should there be any frame or border surrounding the photo (digital or otherwise). Photos may not display the name of the photographer on the front of the photograph.
5. Mail or deliver the printed entries to:
**Necedah National Wildlife Refuge
c/o Photo Contest
N11385 Headquarters Road
Necedah, WI 54646**
6. Electronic copies may be mailed with the printed copy or emailed to Necedah@fws.gov, the subject line should read "Photo Contest." Entries are accepted year round.
7. On the back of each printed photo, please attach a signed permission form with your contact information - each photo needs a signed form. Photos lacking the signed permission form will be disqualified.
8. All entries must be post marked by September 1, or they will be entered in the following year's contest.
9. Photos that have been altered to combine two or more photos will be disqualified. Photos that use replication or other techniques to add details to a photo will be disqualified.
10. Anyone whose photo has been disqualified will be notified before the voting begins.
11. If a minor is pictured in a photo an "Agreement of Use of Likeness in Service Products" (USFWS form 3-2260) must accompany the entry forms can be found at (<http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2260.pdf>), copies can also be found at the Visitor Center or e-mailed to requesting individuals.
12. All entries will be retained by the Refuge and to generate our digital photo library, and may be used for a variety of reasons including but not limited to publications, webpages, and presentations.
13. While extreme care will be taken in handling all entries, the Refuge cannot be responsible for any damage to photographs.

2015 Necedah NWR Entry Form					
Title of Photo: _____					
Location of Photo: _____					
Print Name: _____			Email: _____		
Street Address: _____			Phone: _____		
City: _____		State: _____		Zip Code: _____	
Circle Category Entered: Wildlife Recreation Landscape Plants Special Assignment					
<p>I, the provider, hereby state in good faith that the photograph described herein was created by me alone in my private capacity and that the photograph automatically qualifies for a United States copyright. I hereby grant the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, and the Friends of Necedah National Wildlife Refuge permission to freely publish, reproduce, and distribute the photograph in any media, without my approval or permission, with no monetary compensation to me or my heirs or assigns, and without temporal or geographic restriction. However, if the USFWS, Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, or the Friends of Necedah National Wildlife Refuge uses the photograph, it agrees to credit me as the photographer if possible. This includes reproducing the photograph for sale in the Karner Korner Bookstore - a non-profit nature store who's sales go to help fund programs on the Refuge. If you would like to grant restricted usage rights to your photo you may fill out FWS Form 3-2259 available on the internet (http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2259.pdf). Please attach a copy of the form, as well as the information listed above, to back of each hard copy photo you submit.</p>					
I agree to the above copyright release - Signature: _____					
Date: _____					
<p>If a minor (17 & under) has taken the photo a parent or guardian of the minor must give their permission by signing above. If a minor is pictured in a photo an "Agreement of Use of Likeness in Service Products" (USFWS form 3-2260) must accompany the entry forms can be found at (http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-2260.pdf). Copies can also be found at the Visitor Center or mailed to requesting individuals.</p>					